

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A side view mirror assembly comprising:
  - a casing inside which a reflector is mounted; and
  - a mount comprising:
    - an outer frame member defining an opening,
    - a first inner mount member received in the opening, the first inner mount member having an outside surface on which an elongated slot is formed,
    - a second inner mount member also received in the opening,
    - an L-shaped slide having a first section slidably received in the slot and a second section extending from the first section, the first section defining an inner-threaded hole,
    - a resilient member having opposite ends attached to the first section of the slide and the casing, and
    - a bolt extending through a hole defined in the second inner mount member and the slot of the first inner mount member and engaging the inner-threaded hole of the slide thereby securing the casing to the mount, whereby by completely loosening the bolt, the casing is allowed to detach from the mount as an independent unit.
2. The side view mirror assembly as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the first inner mount member forms two slots, each receiving a slide, two bolts extending through two holes defined in the second inner mount member to respectively engage the inner-threaded holes of the slides, two resilient members being provided between the casing and the mount, each having ends attached to the casing and each slide.
3. The side view mirror assembly as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the resilient member comprises a helical spring.
4. The side view mirror assembly as claimed in Claim 1, wherein positioning pins extend from the outer frame and the second inner mount member and adapted to

engage holes defined in an automobile body for properly positioning the side view mirror on the automobile body.

5. The side view mirror assembly as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the opening defined in the outer frame of the mount is substantially triangular.